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Two of South Carolina's Favorites Matchup This Weekend

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Baseball and peanuts go together like a ball and glove. South Carolina's favorite pastime and favorite snack come together this month as the Certified SC Grown Palmetto Series heads down the home stretch, and we celebrate National Peanut Month.

In the inaugural season of the Palmetto Series that follows the healthy rivalry between the Clemson Tigers and Carolina Gamecocks through all sports where the schools compete head-to-head, the Gamecocks took home the trophy with a final series score of 10-5. Once again this year, fans got in on the action with a canned food drive to benefit Harvest Hope and Golden Harvest. Nearly 200,000 meals were donated in November for a combined effort between the schools.

Clemson and Carolina will face off this weekend in a three-game baseball series beginning Friday in Clemson at Doug Kingsmore Stadium at 6:30 p.m. The teams will play at Fluor Field in Greenville at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, and wrap up with the final game Sunday at Founders Park in Columbia at 1:30 p.m. Fans at each game should look for the Palmetto Series display and pick up some swag in their favorite team's colors.

The overall winner of this weekend's series will earn one point toward the title. The men's golf and men's tennis matchups are slated for later this month. The final point will be determined based on each school's academic record for this school year, unless the teams meet again in postseason play. The series is currently tied with a score of 6 to 6.

South Carolina is home to over 400 peanut farmers that grow around 360 million pounds of nuts each year. Peanuts are the perfect pairing for baseball. And whether you prefer them salted, roasted or boiled, know that you're enjoying a protein-packed, healthy snack grown by farmers right here in South Carolina.

No matter who you root for on game day, supporting local farms and farmers across South Carolina is something we all can agree on. So look for the Certified SC Grown label where you shop, and keep up with the Palmetto Series as we head into the last inning. To learn more about where to buy Certified SC Grown, visit certifiedscgrown.com. To follow along with the Palmetto Series, visit palmettoseries.com.

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